in frugal, simple fashion. In the little wooden house, with its cheap surroundings, the boy became a man in ured to toil. With plain living had come high thinking. The Bible, Pil grim's Progress, and the weekly news paper at first, then a chance volume of Burns's poems, fed and opened his mind. He early fell to making verse, naturally as the nightingale to song. The "Free Press" of Newburyport, not far off, was edited by William Lloyd Garrison, and the young men sent him a piece of verse which met approving notice, and led the writer not long after to journalism, in which before he was twenty-five he had tried his hand at Haverbill, Boston and Hartford

In 1831 Garrison started the "Liberator," the famous and powerful anti slavery paper, the organ of the ardent and dauntless abelitionists who would listen to no terms of peace or compromise with the so called " sum of villainies." Of this heroic leader Whittier became a follower, and in all the years of the anti-slavery struggle did what he could in prose and verse to help it on. In 1836 he was appointed Secretary of the anti-slavery society and went soon after to Philadelphia, where for several years he was editor of the "Pennsylvania Free man." In 1840 he returned to Massachusetts, making his home in Amesbury where he has since lived, not far from the town of Haverhill. His life has been a private one devoted to the pen, with the exception of two year's service in the legislature of his native

On the second of this month at the age of 83 he was the honored guest and world-renowned poet of his native Haverhill, and the poem we have given our readers was the crowning glery of the anniversary day 250 years from the settlement.

We think the poem very musical, beautiful and touching. It has the easy flow, fine feeling, pure and lofty sentiment that render his poetry generally so charming. What f of heart and mind! How his fancy paints the early times the primeval wood, the breken land, the prowling bear, the howling wolf, the Indian's peering copper face. What tenderness of sympathy and love. It is the superlative merit of his poems that none can read them without feeling the power and beauty of what is best and truest in life. Whoever reads, repeats and becomes familiar with the best of his yerses and they are by far the larger part will gain what is purifying and ennobling to the affect tions and the mind; will enrich his chambers of imagery with treasures of unfading beauty and priceless worth.

Mr. Whittier was reared in the land of the Puritans, but his Quaker blood is alien to the harder sepects of their religious views. He was the Haverhill poun, as it is in many others. His hatred of slavery, oppression and cruelty in every form appears in his pages sometimes with the first volume having been issued in 1870. The twenty-first issue of the directory is in every way a creditable volume. The book has evidently been well pre-

English-speaking people, because he \$2.50. is genuine, natural, speaking to the broad and universal heart and thought broad and universal heart and thought of men and women, old and young. His poetry touches the tender spots in every breast. It is generic as is that of Burns, of the Bible and of Pilg. on a Progress too, from all which he drow his early inspiration. No matter what the local scenery or incidents may be, human hafure speaks everywhere with its appealing, resisticus and kidneys. Sold at 50c. and 81 per bottle by Ggo. M. Wood, and St. per bottle by Ggo. M. Wood,

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the best of American poets, influenced largely, it may be thought, by the value he put on what his verses have done for the cause of freedom and the slave ; but with all allowance for specnal and personal bias this opinion may well be entertained. Readers of Our readers, we are sure, will be poetry are not always in the same pleased to see in The Creaks the last mood, or of the same critical judgand recent poem of Mr. Whittier, ment, and at different times will have Haverhill, in commemoration of whose different thoughts and estimates; but first settlement it was read there on we are sure that Whittier will never the second of this month, is a thriv. long be undervalued by those who ing manufacturing town of over twen have been once his admirers and felt ty thousand people, in northeast his poetic, heaven-descended power, Massachusetts, on the Merrinne It may be known to all that the river. Twenty years after the Pilgrim admirable, loving man was never mar-Fatners landed on Plymouth Rock ried. His life has been mostly in the hardy settlers had found their way beautiful region where he was born; seventy miles northward from that the country along the Merrinac. As spot and thirty-two miles northwest editor and journalist he has written from Boston to a pleasant place which much in prose, but through all his life after their English home they called since a youth of twenty verse has Haverhill. A few miles out from what been his true expression. His col was then a little market town, Whit lected poems of various lengths and tier was born, December 17th, 1807, kinds fill between four and five hunof Quaker parents, living on a farm dred pages and should be found in

> Haverhill -1640 -1890. THE STOYS ASSESSMENT, WALL

O river winding to the mea!
We call the old time back to thee;
From forest paths and water ways.
The century weren well we raise. Gone sweepled town and cultured plain Once more the bear and panther provided the wolf repeats his hangry how!, And peering through his leafy screen. The indian's copper face is ween. We see their rude built from beside, Grave men and women and And wintful youth, remembering still Dear houses in England's Haverhill We strained forth to mortal view bark Passageo and Saggabes. With chiefs who owned the mighty sway

Weird memories of the border town, By old tradition having the server. in chance and change before us puss. Like pictures in a magic glass The terrors of the midnight mid. b ! bleeding bands alone subducid The stern and savage solitude. And every step the actilers trod With crimson stamed the virgin sod

show from the plaugh the woods withdraw stowly each year file corn hadin grew; Nor her, nor frost, nor fee could kill The Saron carery of will. And never in the hamlet's bound was lack of storily manhous for Was lack of storily manhood found And never failed, the kindered good. Of brave and helpful womanhood That hamlet now a city is: its log-justi buts are palaces. The cow path which its founds is Traffic a brick walled avenue

And far and wide it stretches atill Along its southward sloping hill, And overlooks on either hand A rich and many-watered land. And gladdening all the landscape, fair As Phon was to Eden's pair, Our river to its valley brings The biessings of its mountain springs. And nature holds with narrowing space From mart and crowd her old time gra And guards with fundly leadons arms The wild growths of onlying farms Her sursets on Kenoza fall, Her automo leaves by Saltor

No lavisand gold can righer make: ther opnience of hill and lake Wise was the choice which led our sizes
To kindle here their household fires
and share the large content of all
Whose lines in pleasant plains fail.

More dear, as years on years advance, We prize the old intertrance. And feet, as far and wide are roam. That all we seek we have at home. Are apples on our orchard town our tarushes are our nightingales.

No income which the orient burns is awarter than our hillsaine terms: What tropic splandor can outsie Our autumb whom, our sugget sky What if the old ldyllic case Seem lost in keen activities, And crowded workshops at repla the hearth's and furnified's to So dull mechanic round of toil

No task is ill where hand and brain And skill and strength have equal gain And each shull each in honor held. And sucple manhood outweigh gold. Earth shaff be near to heaven when all That severs man from man shall tall.

For, here or there, salvation a pian
Alone is love of God and man. O dwellers by the Merrimae

The heart of centuries at your back, etail reaping where you have not a wea. A broader field is now your own. Hold fast your Puritan heritage, But let the free thought of the age its dife and hope and sweetness and its the stern faith the fathers had Adrift on Time's relentless tide. As wayer that lodge wave, we glide lood grant, we leave upon the shore-scale medded goest it tacked terrore,

Some seed or flower or plant of worth.

Some added beauty to the earth.

Some larger tope, some thought to make
The sad world suppler for its sake. No lemants of amountain stay, No may we live our little day. That paly grateful hearts reall fill the homes we leaves in Havernin. he singer of a farewell rhyme,

The singer of a farewell chyme.
Upon wome utancet verge of fame.
The shades of night are falling down.
I pray, that bless the good obstown?

John Greenless Whitten.

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